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There should be no Domain name legislation at all.

This is simply because there is not enough room for everyone to have his or her own domain name. The number of characters in a domain name is too short to do this. Therefore, all domain names should be on a first come, first serve basis with the registration prices being the thing preventing people from hoarding them.

In the non Internet world, there is room for plenty of companies to share a name. This is not so in the domain name world. In the non Internet world, there is also an infinite number of logos that are able to be drawn to represent companies. In the Internet world, there are considerably fewer possible strings of letter that can make up a domain name.

At the same time, it is impossible to tell if someone is cyber squatting or not. It is there word against their accuser's. This does not make a valid court case. In all matters having to do with domain names, the courts will basically be deciding one way or the other based on opinion.

Let things continue how they are going now. Who cares if a company or two get their toes stepped on, it will happen anyway if you impose legislation, except that it will be to different companies who actually got to the domain name first. The same goes to people: either way some people will get their toes stepped on, but one way would involve lots of time in court and may take the domain away from the person who got there first.

The theory behind capitolism is that when you have something of limited number (domain names) the price for them will rise as demand rises. Let this work! Don't interfere!

The only other thing you can do is to encourage the DNS caretakers to open up more top level domains, opening up the space to more possible names. For instance, it would be nice to have .prv or .private for private people. This would get many many .com domains free and give individuals domain names. I would even encourage them to register the .prv domains for free.

Oh, and ENFORCE TLD ASSIGNMENT! Make sure ONLY educational organizations get .edu. Make sure ONLY non profit groups get .org. Make sure ONLY Internet service related companies get .net. Tell organizations that they will not be able to renew their holds on these domains so they will have a chance to go look for another one.

These are the only things that will fairly help sort out the troubles that have been cropping up.

PLEASE feel free to email me back if you wish to discuss this or get more of my opinions on the subject, as it is one that I feel strongly about.

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